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| 4 | Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya | 2794.69 |
| 5 | Integrated Education for Disabled Children | 54.37 |
| 6 | Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme | 79.92 |
| 7 | Information Communication Technologies in Schools (ICT in school) | 18.85 |
| 8 | Access with Equity | 0.00 |
| 9 | Appointment of Language Teachers | 0.00 |
| TOTAL: | | 78130.00 |

CBSE question on History

†2932. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has instructed Central Board of Secondary Education not to frame any question from disputed portions of history text books of NCERT in the ensuing examinations;
- (b) if so, the details of the said disputed portions;
- (c) whether students have expressed any reaction to the said matter; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its order dated 7.11.2006 in Writ Petition No. WP(C) 17909-13/2005 has held that NCERT should give instructions to the appropriate and concerned authorities not to set any question from twenty objectionable passages in the History text book published by NCERT.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The details of the passages, which were objected are as follows:—

1. Modern India, Social Science Part I, Class VIII by Arjun Dev and Indira Arjun Dev Page 182: Reference to some national leaders as 'extremists'.
2. Modern India by Prof. Bipin Chandra for Class XII (all the following extracts).
 - pages 199-201: Reference to some leaders as 'terrorist leaders'.
 - page 265: Reference to Rash Bihari Bose as 'an old terrorist revolutionary'.
 - page 18: Reference to Jat Community.
 - page 189: Reference to growth of 'militant nationalism' in the country and, use of the term 'extremism'.
 - pages 199-200: Reference to 'revolutionary terrorism'.
 - page 207: Reference to propagation of Shivaji and Ganapathi festivals and Aurobindo Ghose's concept of nationalism as religion and the reaction of Muslims to these concepts and practices.
 - pages 200-201: Reference to terrorism and its political contribution.

(c) CBSE has not received any reaction from the students.

(d) Does not arise.

Literacy rate in Rajasthan

2933. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of literacy among children below fourteen years in Rajasthan and how does it compare with other States and all India average;
- (b) whether it is lower in SC/ST/OBC, particularly girls;
- (c) the schools drop-out rate in Rajasthan in primary, secondary and senior secondary level;
- (d) whether it is lower in rural areas, girls, SC/ST/OBC; and